

Army Commission. He was designated to serve with the Armor Branch, but while awaiting orders to jump school, Judge Greene was offered acceptance to the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps on the condition that he take the LSAT and be admitted to a law school which was scheduled to start in just a few weeks. Three years later he received his law degree from Howard University School of Law, passed the West Virginia Bar, and became an officer in the Army JAG Corps. He married his West Virginia childhood sweetheart and spent the next 25 years serving his country and gaining lifelong respect for the men and women in uniform. He received countless awards and honors for his service and expertise in both the law and the military, and he repeatedly demonstrated his great ability to bridge racial tensions and brings more African Americans into the Judge Advocate General's Corps.

As he is known to say when speaking publicly, one of Judge Greene's life mottos is: "When opportunity knocks, you can't say 'wait, let me pack my bags.'" So when in 1993 another opportunity presented itself, Greene took it, and left the Army to serve as an immigration judge for the U.S. He worked tirelessly in that position, handling thousands of immigration matters in the 3 years he served in that capacity.

Then, opportunity knocked again. It was a proud day in 1997, when President Clinton appointed Judge Greene to the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. Until 1988, the Veterans Administration, now the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, was the only Federal agency that was not subject to judicial review. In a long overdue decision, the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs created the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims with my full support. Veterans deserved judicial oversight and the creation of the court was a major accomplishment during his first term in the Senate. As a skilled attorney and a veteran, Judge Greene brought a keen understanding of veterans' issues to the bench. He served as the court's chief judge from 2005 to 2010, and was known for his character and leadership during a time of tremendous growth and change at the court.

Although he officially retired last year, his commitment to hard work continues and Judge Greene currently serves as a senior judge on the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. Judge William P. Greene, Jr., is a soldier, a jurist, and an American to be respected, and I am proud to recognize and honor his service today.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:14 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2608) to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The message also announced that the House agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 81. Concurrent resolution directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 2608.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1619. A bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3378. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Taiwan's Air Defense Force; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3379. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Ethiopia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3380. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XA659) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3381. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Trip Limit Decrease for the Common Pool Fishery" (RIN0648-XA652) received in the Office

of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3382. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XA673) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3383. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XA685) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3384. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Other Rockfish, Other Flatfish, Sharks, and Skates in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XA672) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3385. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Octopus in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" (RIN0648-XA683) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3386. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Shallow-Water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XA680) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3387. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 620 in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XA684) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3388. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Northern Rockfish, Pacific Ocean Perch, and Pelagic Shelf Rockfish for Vessels Participating in the Rockfish Entry Level Fishery" (RIN0648-XA678) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3389. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Shark Management Measures" (RIN0648-BA69) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.